[Translation]

Malaria Patients

*349. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT .
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attack of Malaria is on the rise throughout the country particularly in Gujarat and West Bengal;

(b) If so, whether the Government of West Bengal have sought assistance from the World Bank in this regard;

(c) if so, whether the Government have since cleared the proposals of the State Government;

(d) the details of the total number of Malaria patients in the country during the last three years and the current financial year;

(e) whether the chemical for spraying, supplied by Central Government to State Machineries to control Malaria is qualitatively checked for its effectiveness and potency; and

(f) the amount of funds demanded by different State Governments during the last three years to check the spread of Malaria and the amount of funds sanctioned by the Central Government and the reasons for not granting the full amount as demanded/required?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Since 1992, the incidence of Malaria has shown a rising trend in the country as a whole and in West Bengal also. In Gujarat there has been a decline.

(b) & (c). A reference from Government of West Bengal was received for inclusion of three districts of the State, namely Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar and Purulia alongwith Calcutta Municipal Corporation in the Malaria Control Project with World Bank support. The Project is under formulation covering all endemic areas of the country, including those of West Bengal State.

(d) The total number of Malaria patients in the country during 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 (upto 30th June) are as under :

Calendar Year	No. of Malaria Cases
1993	22,07,431
1994	25,11.453
1995	28,01,330
1996 (upto 30th June)	7,41,074

(e) All insecticides supplied to the States are checked at recognised laboratories.

(f) Central assistance under the National Malaria Eradication .Programme is provided on 50:50 basis (to be shared between Centre and States). Central assistance is essentially in Kind (drugs, larvicides & insecticides). The North Eastern States & the U.Ts which are provided with 100% Central assistance are, however, provided with some cash assistance to meet a part of the operational expenses. Whereas different States ask for large quantities of insecticides, the Central assistance is extended after making a technical assessment of factors like population to be sprayed, endemicity, incidence and local effectiveness of different insecticides/larvicides. The States do not however, place demands in financial terms. During the last three years the total value of Central assistance provided under the programme to all the States for Malaria Control is as follows :

Year	Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	8904.95
1994-95	10095.71
1995-96	12198.07

[English]

Purchase of Medicine

*350. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of drug manufacturing companies in the country which are not following Good Manufacturing Practices;

(b) whether the Government are purchasing medicines from these units at higher rates;

(c) if not, the rate approved by the Government agencies during the period from 1994-96, each year;

(d) whether there has been any loss in the purchase on this account; and

(e) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against the officials involved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The grant of renewal of licenses includes observance of GMP by individual manufacturing units. In the absence of adherence to GMP the license is not granted or renewed by the State Licencing Authorities who are responsible for enforcing the relevant provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act & Rules.

(b) and (c). In the case of 76 durgs under Price Control, Government purchases as per the prescribed rates. In the case of other decontrolled drugs procurement is on the basis of competitive bidding from registered firms. Generally the lowest rate offered is